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SUBJECT: OECD AGRICULTURAL MINISTERIAL MEETING

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REF: OECD 7443 AND 8707

1. MISSION WILL CABLE UP TO DATE SCHEDULE BY APRIL 5.
IN MEANTIME FOLLOWING TRANSMITTED ON SCHEDULE FOR
SECRETARY BUTZ AND DELEGATION.

2. FOLLOWING MEETINGS CONFIRMED FOR SECRETARY BUTZ:
APRIL 11 - 10:00 SEC GEN VAN LENNEP
10:4 MINISTER NATALI, ITALY
11:30 MINISTER GODBER, UK

NOTE: GODBER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARLIAMENTARY
UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND, ALEC BUCHANAN-
SMITH, PETER PARKHOUSE, UNDERSECRETARY MEA AND
AMBASSADOR GALLAGHER.

3. ON APRIL 12 SEC GEN VAN LENNEP WILL PROBABLY CALL
MEETING WHICH SECRETARY BUTZ SHOULD ATTEND OF CHAIRMAN
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AND VICE CHAIRMEN OF MINISTERIAL MEETING AT 9:30 PRIOR TO SECOND SESSION TO ESTABLISH LIST OF KEY ISSUES TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR DISCUSSION BY MINISTERS. SECRETARIAT ADVISED SECRETARY BUTZ AGREEABLE TO BE ONE OF VICE CHAIRMEN OF MEETING.

4. SEC GEN VAN LENNEP DINNER, APRIL 11 FOR MINISTERS AND PERMANENT REPS. WEIR BROWN WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY BUTZ AND ASST SEC BRUNTHAVER. US WILL BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING GROUP TO PREPARE PRESS COMMUNIQUE THAT NIGHT FOR WHICH FRASER AND/ OR IOANES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE STOPPAGE REPORTED MARCH 29 RHODESIA HERALD.

4. COMMENT: STRIKES AND WORK STOPPAGES ARE ILLEGAL AND EXTREMELY RARE; MOST OF OCCASIONAL WILDCAT INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED OVER THE YEARS HAVE BEEN ON DOCKS; THIS FIRST RAILWAY STOPPAGE OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE. GOVERNMENT VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT LABOR TROUBLES AND ANXIOUS THEY NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. DISPUTE OVER OVERTIME HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE JANUARY, BUT WILDCAT STRIKE HAS REPORTEDLY RESOLVED DISPUTE AT LEAST PARTLY IN WORKERS' FAVOR. LESSON IS LIKELY TO BE REMEMBERED AND SPREAD BY WORKERS, EVEN WITHOUT PUBLICITY; ON OTHER HAND, JUDGING FROM PAST PERFORMANCES, GOVERNMENT NOT LIKELY LET LABOR (AND WAGE/ PRICE) SITUATION GET OUT OF CONTROL, AND LENIENCY MIGHT NOT BE REPEATED IN ANY SECOND ROUND.
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